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The Honorable Carl Levin  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Levin:

Thank you for your May 13, 2014 letter regarding the Allied Paper Landfill portion of the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency continues to evaluate cleanup alternatives for this site. As part of that process, EPA will evaluate emerging technologies designed to treat waste on-site and will share the results of that research with the City of Kalamazoo. EPA, City officials and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality are also working together to explore potential reuse scenarios.

As you note in your letter, it is critical that the selected cleanup alternative protects human health and the environment -- and that contaminants do not migrate off-site in groundwater before cleanup occurs. This summer, EPA will conduct groundwater sampling in accordance with a sampling plan that has been reviewed by both the State and the City. Previous EPA monitoring indicates that contaminants have not traveled beyond site boundaries. Monthly data from the on-site groundwater/leachate collection system from 2005-2008 and semi-annual data collected from 2010-2014 show that PCBs have not been released from waste materials on the site. Earlier monitoring data collected from EPA's groundwater monitoring wells in 2002-2003 also found that PCBs were not migrating from the site.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Eileen Deamer or Ronna Beckmann, the Region 5 Congressional Liaisons, at (312) 886-3000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S Hedman", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

Susan Hedman  
Regional Administrator